MICHAELMAN

"A free press can of course be good or bad, but most certainly without freedom it will never be anything but bad . . . Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better, whereas enslavement is a certainty of the worse."

—Albert Camus

Volume 33 **Number 17** **March 10, 1978**

Report due Tuesday

Senate scrutinizes vote

by Brian Anders

The student senate voted Tuesday night on a roll call vote to establish an ad hoc committee to investigate the charges of voting irregularities in the Feb. 21 S.A. elections.

The motion, which was introduced by presidential candidate Joe Blanco, passed by a vote of 31 to eight with four persons abstaining.

The move almost did not occur, because Tom Lampognana, who yielded his seat to Blanco, did not hear S.A. President David J. Marchi ask for new business.

Blanco, in defending his motion, said there were a lot of "unanswered questions". He cited some of the information which was printed in the **Michaelman** last week. He also said the number of ballots for S.A. offices did not correspond with the number of checks on the voting list supplied by the student life office.

This point was countered by Marchi, who mentioned that there were checks on the list before he received it. Also, Donna Tyrrell said there were a number of students who did not vote for both offices.

Most of the critics centered not on the motion, but on the election procedures. Tyrrell said, "Unfortunately, it's not a good system." Blanco also mentioned this in relation to the students who complained of their ballots being opened after being cast.

Blanco was asked if he wanted the committee to be one of the current standing committees, or have it on an ad

(Continued on page 2)

Bad checks imperil cashing privileges

by Dan Holmes

A $1,000 loss last year attributable to bad checks may bring an end to the privilege of cashing checks at the College Parkway Quik Stop. Violators may be prosecuted.

According to Jim Matthieu, proprietor of the Quik Stop, the number of bad checks being passed is getting out of hand and most of them come from St. Michael's students.

Past attempts to alleviate the problem, which is not new but growing steadily, have proven unsuccessful. A list comprised of all persons who have bounced checks has been made.

All checks that are cashed "are supposed to go against the list" and anybody who is on the list and has violated more than one time will not get their checks cashed.

According to Matthieu, "Out of about 150 names listed, 120 are St. Michael's students."

Another safeguard the Quik Stop has taken is lowering of the limit on checks accepted from $10 over the amount of purchase to $5. This has not helped significantly either.

"Kids will come in here three and four times a day and cash a $5 check," Matthieu said. "But a $5 limit or a $10 limit doesn't matter much when the total losses equal $1,000. Something has to be done about it.

"The ends of the semester are usually the worst but if the problem increases this spring I'm afraid we'll have to stop cashing out-of-state checks and

(Continued on page 2)

Photo by Doral

Fire captain Thomas J. Lynn, center, berates Joyce residents and others after a false alarm was sounded in the residence hall last Friday afternoon. Lynn explained the dangers involved and asked for the students' cooperation. The identity of the person who sounded the alarm was not known at press time.

Marathoners step up training

by Mary Clare Casey

Yawzer! Yawzer! Yawzer! They've been on their feet for 40 hours!

But every step will be worth it for those participating in the 4th Annual Multiple Sclerosis Dance Marathon. The dance, to be held in the St. Michael's gym, begins March 17 at 7:30 p.m. and ends Sunday night at 9.

Last year's dancers raised more than $30,000 for the MS Foundation.

This year, with the help of the 83 couples registered, 12 who are from St. Michael's, Youth Coordinator Ray Chaquette and co-chairman Michael Frac are optimistic they can top the $30,000 mark.

The money that is raised goes to the MS Northern Chapter of Vermont.

To keep dancers happy during the weekend, WJOY disc jockey John Nichols will be back again with more tunes, talk and talent. Food will also be supplied for participants.

But until then, dancers are taking their own steps to prepare for the marathon. Julie Steele, a junior, said, "I'm on a regular exercise program because you can't sit around two weeks ahead and then expect to finish the dance."

Steele danced last year and said it wasn't hard at all. She added, "The most important thing is your shoes. Make sure they fit well and are broken in."

"Jump roping," said Jean Waskiewicz, a junior, "that's what I've been doing to get in shape. In fact, I'm going to take it with me to help pass the time away."

Waskiewicz has been well informed on what to expect. She's been told to bring everything from a good book to a frisbee to a set of ear plugs.

Senior Joseph Casey, who danced last year, gave a few tips to help this year's dancers. He suggested taking a shower during one of the breaks because it wakes one up. He also added, "Bring a few pair of socks and eat a lot!"

It seems everyone has a different approach to psyche themselves up for the dance, but they all agreed on one thing: they were dancing for a good cause.

An added bonus of the marathon is the scholarship that is awarded to the couple who lasts the full 40 hours and has the greatest amount of pledges.

"We've also established an inter-school rivalry between high schools," Chaquette said. "The school that raises the most money wins a trophy." He hopes this will generate greater enthusiasm and bring in more pledges.

It's up to everyone to make this marathon a success. Even if one isn't dancing, he can help by sponsoring a dancer, volunteering time, or by just showing up to cheer the dancers on.

"You really feel good when you look up and see all those people pulling for you," one woman who danced last year said. "It makes you realize how much people care. That's when you know it's all worth it."

Anyone who is interested in helping out during the marathon should contact either Chaquette or Frac at box 55.

On campus

FRIDAY, MARCH 10 — WINTER WEEKEND

Quarterly grade reports due.

Aetna Life and Casualty recruiters on campus, make appointments with the Placement Office, Klein.

8 p.m., Piano recital by Richard Collins, McCarthy.

8 p.m., "The Indian Wants the Bronx" and "Answers" presented by the SMC Drama Club, Herrouet Theater.

9 p.m., Party featuring Banjo Dan and the Midnight Plowboys, traditional refreshments, $2 admission, north campus gym.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 — WINTER WEEKEND AT SMUGGLER'S NOTCH

8:30 a.m., Buses leave Alliot rotunda for Smuggler's, downhill and cross country skiing, inner tube sliding; tickets needed.

1 p.m., Barbeque, tickets needed.

2 p.m., Beer slalom.

4 p.m., Apres ski party with live band, "Group Therapy."

6:30 p.m., Departure of buses for SMC.

8 p.m., ;"The Indian Wants the Bronx" and "Answers," presented by the SMC Drama Club, Herrouet Theater.

8 p.m., "Rebel Without a Cause," a film sponsored by Zeta House and the SA starring James Dean, Natalie Wood and Jim Backus, dealing with a young man alienated from the adult world and his peers, free, Alliot lounge.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 — WINTER WEEKEND

1 p.m., Coffeehouse with free donuts and coffee, student talent performing, Alliot.

1:30 p.m., Backgammon tournament, $2 entry fee, prizes, snack bar.

4 p.m., A complete performance of Ernest Bloch's Advodath Hakodesh — a sacred service, tickets available at McCarthy, McCarthy Recital Hall.

7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m., SA film series: "The Omen," admission $1, McCarthy.

MONDAY, MARCH 13

Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Bob Walters arrives on campus.

Juniors register for concentration and required courses

11 a.m.-2 p.m., 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Senior class poll, Alliot booth

6:30 p.m., SA Social Committee meeting, Alliot 104.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

Sophomores register for concentration and required courses

11 a.m.-2 p.m., 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Senior class poll, Alliot booth

6:30 p.m.-8 p.m., Job interviewing workshop, Klein faculty lounge.

6:30 p.m., Student senate meeting, Science 107.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

Firestone Tire Company recruiters on campus, make appointments with the placement office, Klein.

6:30 p.m.-8 p.m., Study skills workshop, last of five-part class, Student Resource Center.

7:30 p.m., Dr. James P. Chaplin lecture on Beethoven and concert, McCarthy recital hall.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

Sophomores register for concentration and required courses

11 a.m.-2 p.m., 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Senior class poll, Alliot booth

6:30 p.m.-8 p.m., Study skills workshop, last of five-part class, Student Resource Center.

8 p.m.-11:30 p.m., Community coffeehouse, Alliot lounge.

News briefs

All dormitories will be closed for the Easter vacation at 8 p.m. March 22. They will reopen at noon April 1. Students will not be allowed to enter any dorm during the vacation.

March 17 is the last day for withdrawing from a course without penalty.

Persons wanting back issues of the **Michaelman** from this academic year should stop by the **Michaelman** office, 210 Alliot, to pick them up. Extra papers will be discarded after March 19.

Podiatry and optometry are the subjects of the health care information programs at UVM this week. The podiatry lecture will be held Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Center for Cultural Pluralism on the Redstone campus. The optometry lecture will be held at the same place and time Wednesday.

Fire, rescue answer 1,167 emergency calls

The St. Michael's Fire and Rescue Squads responded to 1,167 emergency calls this past year.

Among these calls were the cliff rescue of SMC student Larry Johnson, the fires at Farrell Chemical in Winooski and the train derailment in Colchester.

The types of calls ranged from car accidents, fire calls, heart attacks, maternity cases, drug overdoses and mental illness to cardiac arrests.

The breakdown of calls by area was: SMC, 63; Winooski, 705; Williston, 90; Hinesburg, 78; St. George, six and others, 177 (including Burlington, Colchester, Essex, Bolton, Charlotte, Richmond, Huntington, Underhill and Jericho).

Premature infant transports comprised 48 of the 1,167 calls. These transports consist of bringing a premature infant in need of specialized care to the Intensive Care Nursery, located at the Mary Fletcher Unit, Medical Center Hospital of Vermont.

These babies came from such areas as Woodsville, NH, Dartmouth, Middlebury, Brattleboro, St. Albans, Newport, Morrisville, Grand Isle and Fort Ticonderoga, NY.

The Fire Department, which includes both the fire and rescue units, is in operation 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Both units conduct weekly drills to keep skills at peak levels. Being an all-volunteer organization, the department relies mainly on donations and contributions to remain solvent.

Membership drives are conducted twice a year. Pre-requisites for the rescue unit are advanced first aid and emergency care and CPR certification; for the fire unit the only requirements are enthusiasm and a willingness to learn.

Bad checks . . .

cont'd. from p. 1

only cash local checks for the amount of purchase." This is the policy that the Beverage Warehouse is using.

Concerning the $1,000 lost last year, Matthieu said the recovery rate "has not been very successful."

Because of this, he has sent certified letters to students who owe money asking them to pay up with the intention of arresting those persons who still do not respond.

Upon hearing this in January, John Carvellas, economics instructor at St. Michael's, suggested the student life office intervene before the police by sending letters to those students who owe money.

According to Michael Samara, director of student life, letters were sent to 43 students who owed money. Apparently these letters have been unsuccessful also since Matthieu did not know whether or not the student life office had responded.

The only step left now to recover the money is to arrest violators and collect it through court. Matthieu said he did not want to have to do this but he doesn't know what else he can do.

Carvellas believes students look at responsibility differently than the real world expects. He believes they cash bad checks without thinking about it with no intentions of hurting anybody and Matthieu agrees.

"Most of the students are making honest mistakes, but there are a few who aren't. We had four forgeries last year." Now that the police have to be drawn in to it, Matthieu said "Students are only hurting themselves."

Think about that last statement the next time you go to write a bad check at the Quik Stop. The Beverage Warehouse has given up and will only cash local checks for the amount of the purchase.

Even local savings banks will not cash checks unless one has an account. One's last resort will be the bursar's office and it is closed on weekends.

Senate scrutinizes . . .

cont'd. from p. 1

hoc basis.

He responded, "I would like something on the line of the Fire Prevention Committee, with mostly students, but some faculty and administrators."

Marchi then asked if anyone was interested in chairing this committee. He recieved approximately four volunteers and said he would select a chairman by Wednesday morning.

The chairman would have the power to select the members of the committee, with each of campus media also being represented. It is hoped, Marchi said, that the committee would have a report ready by the next senate meeting.

In other business, the senate voted unanimously to back a letter being sent to the Curriculum Committee concerning the change in the honors requirements.

The grade point average (GPA) for honors was recently raised from 3.0 to 3.25, with the GPAs for magna and summa cum laude raised from 3.5 to 3.6 and 3.85 to 3.9, respectively.

Student Life Committee Chairperson Tyrrell, whose committee is drafting the letter, said it would ask that the new GPA be applied to either the current, or the incoming, freshman class.

DUNKIN' DONUTS
120 PEARL
Essex Junction
OPEN
24
HOURS

Search begins to fill activities directorship

by Cori Fugere

A search committee, under the chairmanship of Jerry Flanagan, director of Admissions, has been set up to find a replacement for Jeannette Langlois, director of student activities/assistant dean of students, who will be resigning in May after four years in that position.

Committee members are Dorothy Portnow, Jane Campbell, Michael Samara, Daniel Bean, Lewis Whitney, the Rev. Steven Hornat, Flanagan and Resident Assistants Sue Wall and Rick Vassallo. All were chosen by Samara and Flanagan.

They are looking for an "energetic, dynamic type of superperson who students can go to and who will go to students with plans for activities," Samara said. Flanagan was chosen to be the committee chairman since "he knows the type to replace Jeannette," he added.

A job description will be sent to all candidates. The position, officially titled director of student activities/assistant dean of student life, will be advertised in the *Higher Education Chronicle* as well as on campus and locally in such publications as the *Burlington Free Press*.

The position requires full-time employment, running through the summer to plan activity programs for graduate, undergraduate, and International Student Program students.

It is preferred that someone be chosen by May for the position so that he or she can start while Langlois is still in the office to give any needed help or advice.

Since her letter of resignation Jan 4, the Search Committee has received approximately 20 local applications, but "many, many more are expected once the position is advertised in the *Higher Education Chronicle*," Samara said.

Applications are expected to close sometime in March. Candidates will send resumes listing previous experience and education. Someone with a masters degree in student personnel work is preferred for the position, although someone with comparative work experience would definitely be considered.

Once applications are received, they will be measured against the job description. A few final candidates will then be invited to the school for a personal interview, but the "schedule is not totally sound yet," Samara said.

Other administrators, faculty members and students will be included in the interviewing process.

It is hard to choose the final candidates because it is "difficult to let someone potentially slip through our fingers," Samara said. Basically the committee is looking for someone who is "unselfish with his or her time," he added.

Prior to accepting her present position, Langlois studied for her masters degree at St. Michael's. During this time, she was involved with various activities on a volunteer basis.

One such activity was the organizing and making of an album. The profit from the album was divided in half. Half was donated to a theology scholarship fund and the other half was used to buy a public address system for the Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel.

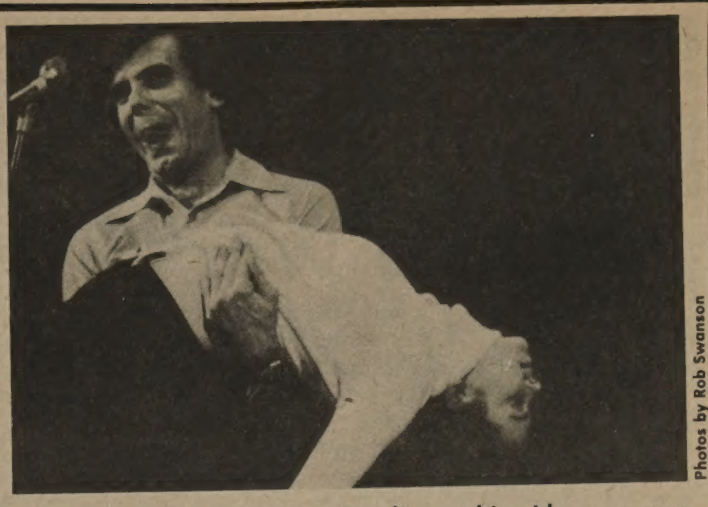
Langlois also organized music at daily Masses.

The college president at the time, Bernard Boutin, recognized Langlois' talent. Since the school was becoming coeducational at the time, a woman assistant dean of students was needed. Boutin offered her the job, and she accepted.

Her duties include being the chairperson of the lecture series, organizing the calendar of events, developing residence hall programs with the R.A.'s, and counseling.

Langlois said she thoroughly enjoyed her four years at St. Michael's. "It is another step--ping stone in my life and a good asset for future years," she added.

After commencement, Langlois will be looking for a people-oriented job in the Rhode Island area.



Photos by Rob Swanson

Hypnotist James Mapes has some lipsmacking ideas concerning a prostrate Neomi Scandore. Mapes dazzled a full-house at McCarthy Tuesday with two hours of hypnosis and ISP.

Highly touted writer begins visit Monday

Syndicated columnist Robert Walters is considered one of the most highly regarded reporters in Washington.

He will be on campus next week as a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow.

He has worked for such news organizations as The Washington Star, the Southbridge (Mass.) Evening News and United Press International.

As a national reporter with The Star, Walters covered such activity as the House and Senate, the Supreme Court, executive branch agencies and departments, and the White House during the Johnson administration.

Walters developed a specialty in investigative reporting at The Star. Among major stories he covered were the fall from power of Bobby Baker, one-time secretary to the Senate majority; the events leading to the Senate censure of Connecticut's Sen. Thomas Dodd; the controversial relationship between the Nixon administration and the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, and the Watergate events.

He also specialized in political coverage, reporting nationally on congressional, senatorial and gubernatorial campaigns of the late 1960's and early 1970's, as well as the presidential campaigns of 1968 and 1972.

In 1974, he left The Star to do magazine writing and joined Parade Magazine as a Washington-based associate editor. He has also contributed to a number of other magazines.

Backgammon tourney part of weekend fun

A backgammon tournament has been scheduled as part of the Winter Weekend activities.

The elimination tournament will begin at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the snack bar with 64 players. A draw will be held to determine opponents.

There are three prizes, a $50 grand prize, a $25 runner-up prize and a $25 consolation prize. The 32 persons eliminated will play for the consolation prize, while the 32 winners will compete for the other two prizes.

Players must bring their own backgammon boards.

There is a $2 entry fee for the senior class-sponsored event.

Other weekend events include a Friday night party in the north campus gym, a day of downhill and cross-country skiing at Smuggler's Notch Saturday, an apres ski party, a Sunday afternoon coffeehouse, and "The Omen" Sunday night.

"QWIK STOP"

Your favorite beverage, snacks and groceries and Chevron gas

BETWEEN MAIN AND NORTH CAMPUS

1978 BURLINGTON GIFT BOOK

With Over $500.00

In Gifts, Services, Food, Merchandise and Entertainment.

FOR ONLY

$24.95

A GREAT WAY TO SAVE!

Your 1978 Burlington Gift Book has many things for everyone in your family. There are two sections in your gift book. The first section is filled with over $300.00 in merchandise, and services from participating merchants on a no charge basis. The second section contains over $190.00 of food and dinners on a buy one get one basis. The 1978 Burlington Gift Book is made possible by the following progressive Burlington Area Merchants:

BLACK ANGUS
GREEN MOUNTAIN CABLE T.V.
R. W. HUNT MILL & MINING CO.
THE AIRMASTER
TIKI GARDENS
CHAMPLAIN LANES
CAFE SHELBURNE
CALLAHAN STUDIOS
SIZZLING STEAK
VERMONT COLLEGE OF COSMETOLOGY
MIDAS MUFFLER SHOP
PITCAIRNS AT THE OLD BOARD
WHY KNOT
CAPTAIN MALLETT'S STEAK HOUSE
RADIO SHACK
THE SHEIK
KIRBY VACUUM CO.
TIFFANY PUB
THE RED BARN FAMILY RESTAURANTS
KIDS KORNER
SHAKEY'S PIZZA PARLOR
VERMONT FLORAL
PAPA DOMINICS
NOYES TIRE CO.
ST. GAMBRI'S
COMMUNICATIONS SHOP
THE COURT CLUB
DARREL'S MUSIC
STUFT SHIRT
Y.M.C.A.
D.J.s PIZZA & SUB DELI
KWANSAI KOREAN KARATE
FRIEND'S DISCO
THE TICK TOCK SHOP
KERRY'S PIZZA
BURGER KING
A. BROWN AUTO & HOME STORE

For more information: Look for our sales representatives in front of the Alliot cafeteria or drop a line with your name and address to Jim Gerte, box 65.

Editorial

Good work!

An ad hoc committee was established Tuesday night to investigate the recent SA presidential elections which left the campus embroiled in controversy over various inconsistencies.

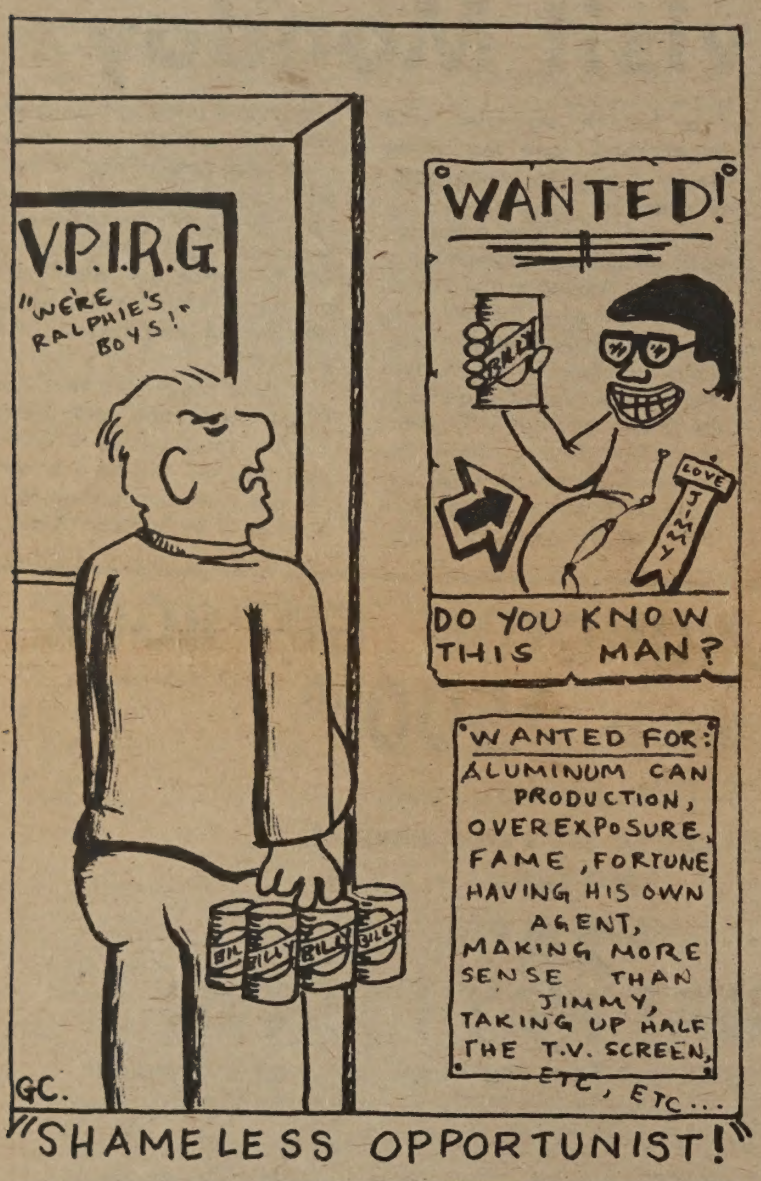
The Student Association senators must be commended for their integrity and sense of fair play.

Many discrepancies have surfaced since the ballots were counted. In such a close election, where one candidate won by only four votes, illegally cast ballots could easily have negated the validity of the vote.

The **Michaelman** urges this committee to scrutinize the election and if necessary, call for a new one.

We also hope that procedures will be examined and instituted to guard against a recurrence of such irregularities in years to come.

—CVB


V.P.I.R.G.
"WE'RE RALPHIE'S BOYS!"
"WANTED!
DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?
WANTED FOR:
ALUMINUM CAN PRODUCTION, OVEREXPOSURE, FAME, FORTUNE, HAVING HIS OWN AGENT, MAKING MORE SENSE THAN JIMMY, TAKING UP HALF THE T.V. SCREEN, ETC, ETC...
GC.
"SHAMELESS OPPORTUNIST!"

The Michaelman

All letters to the editor must be signed, although names will be withheld in certain instances after consultation with the editor. Campus or off-campus address and phone number must accompany each letter. The editor reserves the right to edit or omit any letter for the sake of space or clarity. While all letters may not be published, the newspaper will make an effort to publish those reflecting a diversity of opinion.

Deadline for all copy is Monday noon. Material must be typed, double-spaced.

Executive editor
Lucinda A. von Beren

Managing editor
Frank Furfaro

News editor
Robert P. Borquez

Features editor
Bernadette Kenney

Business manager
Morgan Leonard

Photography editor
Rob Swanson

Faculty advisor
Richard A. Raquier

Letters to the editor

To the editor:

Apathy and cynicism have their place, but clearly this is not it. The matter prompting us to write is of the utmost importance to interested students of this community. The point of subtlety has long since been passed; it is time to be as blatant and unequivocal as possible.

In light of the most recent SMC political debacle, the efficacy, credibility and possibility even the desirability of the Student Association demands examination. The situation has become intolerable. But criticism of the system should not be attempted in this forum as it is much too complex an issue. So, we turn to the "leaders" of the system.

I call attention to the March 3 edition of the **Michaelman.** In that issue, the current S.A. president submitted an editorial which was absolutely absurd. Not only was it irrational, it was also most distasteful.

If Marchi is crude, at least his comments were harmless; but what about Brian Rooke's interview in the same issue? What did Rooke mean when he said, "our job is to enhance and control"? Adding even greater impact to his statement on "enhancing and controlling" is his unwillingness to answer to the press, and therefore the student body.

Lately, we in the United States have had many politicians telling us that the responsibility of the press is "ridiculous" because it "premeditates trouble." One other national politician in particular asked the American people to trust him. Fortunately, he did not succeed.

Clearly new and better elections are necessary. Hopefully the S.A. would get more reasonable and democratic officials.

A. Mark Gadue
Robert A.J. Nagy

To the editor,

The amazing audacity of Michael Donahue to characterize Sen. Robert Dole as "the Republican answer to a Mafia hit man" disturbs me.

The unsuccessful Republican candidate for vice-president is running for president now and his old persona as the GOP's hatchet-man just does not fit the part.

Dole is not abandoning his old style that made him a senator but instead he is trying to control that style.

Although sentiments here in New England and the northeast are largely not favorable toward Dole, other parts of the nation do like him and that, my friends, is a hard, cold fact.

Sincerely,
Michael Conway
Chairman
Vt. College Republicans

To the editor,

This coming week, March 13 through March 17, an important poll will be taken of the senior class. This poll will include various matters. Subjects which must be voted on include awards, class gift and speakers for the senior class banquet. In order to make decisions concerning these matters we need your opinions. Important notifications will be given out regarding senior week, caps and gowns and graduation invitations.

It is imperative that each and every senior come and register at this poll. It will be held Monday through Friday. Location will be the Alliot booth. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Your attendance is extremely important. Please remember to come by.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Denise Corbett
Senior class president

Fear and loathing in Montpelier

by Michael J. Donahue

Not much fear or loathing in Montpelier this week.

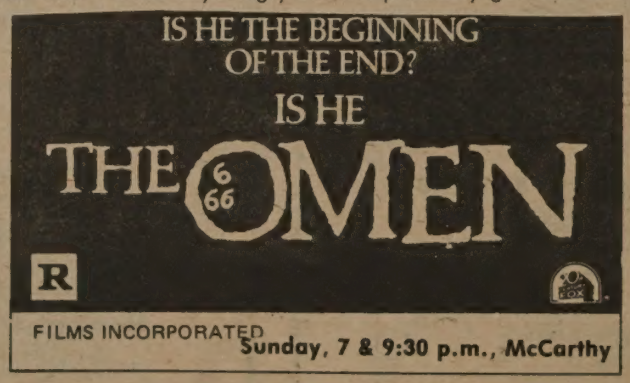
The only thing worth mentioning is the amendment tacked onto the Pot Bill.

The bill came out of the Judiciary Committee pretty much unscathed. The committee nobly added an amendment that would protect school kids. It calls for suspension of kids found with pot on school grounds and for either the firing or suspension of teachers with pot, or some such foolishness.

In actuality, the amendment is alright because it wouldn't be too cool to have kids going to geography class stoned to the bone and really getting into the colors on the maps. That would not be an atmosphere conducive to learning.

Two-term congressman James Jeffords R-Vt. has thrown his hat into the ring and has announced he's running for re-election. Last election Democrat John Burgess, a lawyer from Montpelier, waged a valiant fight but came up short.

Jeffords is in what politicians call a "safe district' (the state of Vermont). A "safe district" is one where a candidate gathers 60 percent of the vote. Jeffords hasn't done anything wrong (some say he hasn't done anything!) so he'll probably get re-elected.



FILMS INCORPORATED
Sunday, 7 & 9:30 p.m., McCarthy

If you won't read these 7 signals of cancer...
You probably have the 8th.

1. Change in bowel or bladder habits.
2. A sore that does not heal.
3. Unusual bleeding or discharge.
4. Thickening or lump in breast or elsewhere.
5. Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.
6. Obvious change in wart or mole.
7. Nagging cough or hoarseness.
8. A fear of cancer that can prevent you from detecting cancer at an early stage. A stage when it is highly curable. Everyone's afraid of cancer, but don't let it scare you to death.

American Cancer Society

THIS SPACE CONTRIBUTED BY THE PUBLISHER AS A PUBLIC SERVICE

Pot bill continues through legislature

by Julie Steele

A bill decriminalizing the possession of small amounts of marijuana was ratified by the Vermont House Judiciary Committee March 1.

If this bill is passed, possession of less than one ounce of marijuana will be punishable only by a small fine with no record of the offense.

An amendment has been proposed by Rep. Judith Stephany, D-Burlington, requiring school districts to adopt their own drug problem policies.

This amendment is a compromise for Judiciary Chairman Chester Ketcham's defeated amendment. Ketcham wanted teachers to be dismissed and students suspended for possessing alcohol or any regulated drugs on school grounds.

Randall Niquette, D-Winooski, said, "The bill makes common sense. It has been documented that there are 30 million marijuana users."

He added, "Marijuana and alcohol exist. They are here to stay. Let's face up to it and stop turning our backs on it."

Niquette said he believes this bill will make society acknowledge that marijuana is in common use and that there is an alcohol and drug problem in the schools. It will force schools to face the problem and deal with it.

The possession of marijuana is presently a felony offense. Possession of one ounce of marijuana could result in up to a $3,000 fine and three years' imprisonment.

The 28-year-old politician added, "This shows there are a lot of people committing felonies. Viewing personal use as a felony puts a heavy burden on someone."

Niquette then pointed out that a person convicted of a felony will not be considered for a variety of jobs. For example, a felon is restricted from military service and is also not allowed to be either a federal or state employee.

The bill is receiving wide support from the law enforcement community. Niquette said the testimony of the chief of police indicates he is 100 percent in favor of the bill.

Niquette said police officers are reluctant to arrest someone for possession of small amounts of marijuana and state's attorneys seldom prosecute a person for this type of violation. If the law is passed, this act will be decriminalized and such situations may be avoided.

This new law, if passed, will only require policemen to issue citations to persons possessing less than one ounce of marijuana, Niquette said.

The marijuana bill, also known at H-669, was open for House debate on March 8 and 9.

"The most conservative faction will be reporting on the floor," Niquette said. William D. Robinson had been selected by the Health and Welfare Committee to deliver the opening speech on March 8.

Niquette anticipates the bill, with the Stephany amendment, will be approved by the House. The bill will then move to the Senate.

Once in the Senate the bill will follow the same procedure as in the House. Niquette said the process will not take as long in the Senate because it has already heard the testimony.

Niquette said, "We should know by the end of the month if the bill will pass."

He added he is 75 percent sure the Senate will approve the bill as its most conservative faction is also in favor of the bill. Then it moves to the governor to await his signature.

Niquette said he believes the governor will sign the bill if it passes both the House and the Senate.

Randall Niquette, a Winooski state representative, talks about the marijuana decriminalization bill he is sponsoring. The other photo depicts an amount of marijuana that would subject the possessor to criminal penalties even if Niquette's bill is passed. Possessing more than an ounce would still be a crime.

Photo by Rob Swanson

ISP persons pay activity fee

by Pamela Justice

All international students pay a student activity fee. However, it is not always the standard $88 charge.

The student activity fee entitles St. Michael's students to participate in intramural sports, use the library and gym and to be members of the Student Association.

According to Richard Gamache and Eugene O'Neill, administrators of the International Student Program, there are 28 students enrolled in the regular program here and who attend class on a yearly basis. These students pay the $88 fee and participate in the activities supported by this fund.

However, there are also foreign students who attend St. Michael's on a six, eight, 12 or 16 week extensive English program. Their fee is included in their tuition and is based on the amount of time spent here.

In addition, these students also pay a special fee which helps fund special cultural events geared specifically to their needs.

According to Gamache, the students who are here for such short periods rarely have enough time to participate in most of these activities. These students, due to their cultural differences, have special interests.

They tend to direct their spare time to seek them. These include visits to museums, different cities and special cultural programs. These particular activities help to fulfill the foreign students' desire to grasp a bit of American culture.

Senior news

A senior class poll will be held Monday through Friday covering such matters as class gift, awards and the banquet speaker.

Notifications will also be given out at that time concerning senior week, caps and gowns and graduation invitations.

The poll, which will be conducted at Alliot booth, will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

It's up to you to save energy.

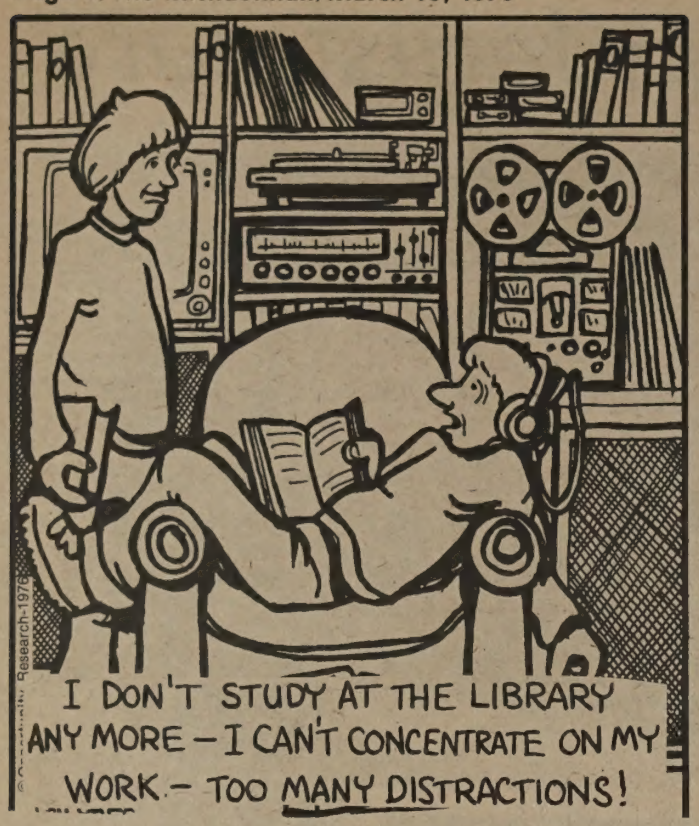
BAKER'S MOTOR INN
ESSEX JUNCTION
35 UNITS
★ KITCHENETTES
CABLE TV • ROOM PHONES
RESTAURANT AND COCKTAIL LOUNGE
BREAKFAST - LUNCHEONS - DINNERS
POOL MEETING ROOM
878-3343
ROUTE 15 - 65 PEARL ST. ESSEX JUNCTION
NEXT TO ESSEX SHOPPING CENTER

Seniors, before you hang it up, pick it up.

The Graduate.
A Handbook for Leaving School.

Graduation Getaways - Career Outlook '78 - The Practical Ph.D.
Profiles in Personal Commitment - And More
THE GRADUATE
A HANDBOOK FOR LEAVING SCHOOL 1978

FREE FROM: THE SMC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION when . . . you register at the "Senior POLL" sponsored by the senior class during the lunch and dinner hours, the week of March 13-17, Alliot Hall booth.



Alliot offers home for campus music

by Tom Wood

The usually vacant and oft forgotten Alliot lounge has, in recent weeks, become a retreat for campus musicians and appreciative listeners as a result of the community house, a newly formed organization offering students alternative extracurricular activities.

The community house originated from the frustrations of one student on campus who saw the St. Michael's social atmosphere as one of stagnation, with keg parties and noneducational films being the main sources of entertainment available.

"I feel as if students are forced to go to keg parties, maybe because of peer pressure, but mainly because of a lack of other activities. The community house will be an informal, relaxed, come-if-you-want atmosphere and offer an outlet for student musicians, writers and dramatists," said John Rizzo, a junior.

When Rizzo initially presented the concept of the community house to the student administration, he anticipated an open acceptance of his idea.

Rather, his plans and his hopes for financial and physical support in obtaining documentaries, lecturers and musical entertainment met repudiation and he subsequently turned to Michael Samara, director of student life.

With the support of Samara and the eventual reconsideration and aid of the student administration, the first community house project — a coffee house — was finally held five weeks ago. Since then, the community house has sponsored a coffee house once a week.

Beyond the actual entertainment the community house provides, Rizzo sees the organization as being a potential catalyst in tightening the total St. Michael's community.

"St. Michael's sells itself as being a small, close-knit college giving students the opportunity to develop personal relationships with faculty. This concept, however, is a myth. Granted, faculty will not attend keg parties, but now they have a chance to share in something different in the way of the community house," Rizzo said.

Though coffee houses have headed the community house's calendar of events thus far, documentary films and poetry readings are on the agenda for the near future and plans for lectures, the appearance of a magician and a gong show are being formulated.

Anyone who would be interested in sharing a special talent or who would simply like to offer any suggestions or help is asked to contact Rizzo by dropping a note in box number 27.

A forest fire is a shame.

AFROTC offers two scholarships

Two full two-year scholarships may go unused unless qualified SMC students make application in the next two weeks.

The scholarships cover all tuition, fees, books and pay $100 a month for living expenses. They are sponsored by Air Force ROTC and are open to any St. Michael's sophomore majoring in mathematics, physics or chemistry with an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher.

These two awards ditter markedly from other Air Force scholarship offerings. Normally, ROTC cadets compete for scholarships against nationwide competition before a central selection board.

The current scholarships, however, have been entrusted to Lt. Col. Martin Engelken, professor of aerospace studies at St. Michael's. Col. Engelken can award them to any non-ROTC sophomore who meets minimum criteria.

Besides the GPA and academic major restrictions, applicants must be in good health and possess sound moral character.

Col. Engelken commented that the recent price increases at St. Michael's have made the scholarships even more valuable. "These awards may enable some students to stay in school," he noted. "The scholarships will have to be returned by the end of March, however."

More information is available at the department of aerospace studies, ext 2551.

Beethoven is topic of presentation

Dr. James Chaplin, psychologist, and Elaine Greenfield, concert pianist, will present an illustrated lecture-concert on the psychological and musical development of Beethoven.

It will be concerned with the effects of his deafness on his life in general, as manifested in his attitude and his music.

Chaplin is professor of psychology at St. Michael's and is well known and published in his field.

Greenfield is a concert pianist who is currently preparing for her next Carnegie Hall concert in New York. She is associated with the St. Michael's cooperating artist teaching program here.

The lecture will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the McCarthy recital hall.

'The Omen' to cause goosebumps

by Matthew Probert

The Omen" is a film of surprise and suspense. It will make your spine tingle and skin have goosebumps.

Though not as scary as "The Exorcist," it still is very good. The film is about the Book of Revelations which tells how the world will end.

It begins with the switching of a normal baby for the devil's baby. The child's parents become confused when he grows older and odd things begin to happen.

Gregory Peck, as the father, is excellent. He has been in movies such as "12 O'Clock High" and "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Lee Remick, as the mother, is also good. She has starred in "Anatomy of a Murder" and "Days of Wine and Roses."

The child who plays Damien is very sinister. Also very frightening are the Nanny and, most of all, the dogs at the cemetery.

The movie is like horror films of the past. As in Dracula or Frankenstein, persons go to get scared and they all do. It's great entertainment.

The film will be shown Sunday at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at McCarthy.

Believe us, nothing you can buy right now is likely to give you more enjoyment (or longer-lasting enjoyment) than a good stereo system from Creative Sound

In terms of real enjoyment that goes on for year after year after year, no product we know of offers more than a really good stereo system.

The system we're featuring here not only will make music come alive in your living room, but offers a level of performance once found only in the cost-no-object category. It's based on the remarkable Advent Loudspeaker, so unmistakable in what it offers that word-of-mouth made it a best-seller before it was even advertised nationally. A pair of Advents provide the full ten-octave range of music, with absolute clarity at all listening levels and a musical balance that sounds right with recordings of every kind.

We've given these speakers the kind of stereo receiver they deserve, the fine Technics SA5270. It will power them cleanly and clearly in big rooms and small, and its sensitive FM and AM circuitry will bring in the stations you want free of fuss or fuzz.

To fill things out with a record player that will give records gentle and effective treatment, we've picked the JVC JLA20 turntable with COMPASS ATX10 cartridge and diamond stylus.

Bought separately, these components would add up to a well-worth-it price of $599.

So come in and begin enjoying the full pleasure of music in your home.

Lafayette Creative Sound

• 157 PEARL ST. ESSEX JCT • BARRE MONPELIER RD
• IN THE MALL BETWEEN K-MART — MARTINS SO. BURLINGTON•

Elusive quorum stymies faculty

by Doris Purdy

Amendments to the proposed revision of the Faculty Regulations and Manual are in the process of being passed.

Led by the Faculty Welfare Committee, this process is going to take some time.

A quorum of the faculty must be present at faculty meetings in order for the voting to take place. Gathering 54 staff members at one time hasn't been the easiest task.

According to Professor William Wilson, chairman of the Faculty Welfare Committee, the problem of meeting a quorum isn't faculty apathy, it is a simple matter of scheduling difficulty.

But Wilson said with optimism that he is "happy with the degree of scrutiny" on the part of the faculty. At previous faculty meetings, 22 amendments were voted on, 17 were passed.

There are at least five amendments yet to be proposed by faculty and community individuals. Once passed by a two-thirds majority, the amendments and revised regulations will be presented to the board of trustees for approval.

The regulations deal with the governance of faculty meetings and committees. They will also include faculty programs and policies such as professional responsibility, tenure, and leave of absence.

The manual will describe in general terms contractual benefits. Insurance, social security, sick pay and educational benefits are examples of faculty benefits.

Wilson hopes the board of trustees, with due consideration, will accept the Faculty Regulations and Manual with a minimal amount of its own added revisions.

Graduates to receive magazine on careers

The Graduate Magazine will be given free to all graduating seniors March 13 through 17, compliments of the St. Michael's Alumni Association.

The 120-page *Handbook for Leaving School* is an easy-reading magazine which includes information on careers, job hunting and life styles, as well as numerous other articles designed to prepare seniors for life after college.

"Job Opportunities for the Class of '78" reports on hiring trends and long range job opportunities in a variety of career areas. "A Woman's Guide to Getting Started in the Business and Professional World" will be of interest to both men and women. The "Graduate and Professional School — An Overview" explores post-graduate education opportunities. *The Graduate* also has three articles for future entrepreneurs.

Post-college life styles are also examined with special features such as "Values of the Seventies," a discussion of some of the important commitments of the under-30 generation. Other articles in The Graduate are: "Ten Great Graduation Trips," and "Your First Year Out: What Will It Cost?"

Copies of *The Graduate* will be available at Alliot Hall booth during lunch and dinner hours Monday through Friday. This is in conjunction with the senior class poll for commencement awards and activities.

Shed some light on your future

After college, what will I do?

That's a question a lot of young people ask themselves these days.

But a two-year Air Force ROTC scholarship can help provide the answers. Successful completion of the program gets you an Air Force commission along with an excellent starting salary, a challenging job, promotion opportunities, and a secure future with a modern Air Force. If you have two academic years remaining, find out today about the two-year Air Force ROTC Scholarship Program. It's a great way to serve your country and a great way to help pay for your college education.

Air Force ROTC
Gateway to a Great Way of Life

The Downhill Edge

WINTER Ski & Clothing SALE

Clothing up to 50% off

Alpine Design
Hot Gear
CB Sport
Ski Levi
Beconta
Meister
Gerry
Serac
Skyr
Lido

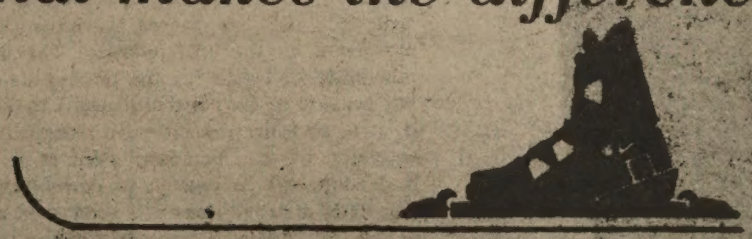
Skis 20% off

Rossignol
Dynastar
Hexcel
Kastle
Olin

Boots up to 40% off

Dolomite
Nordica
Scotts

It's the downhill edge that makes the difference.



The Downhill Edge

81-85 Main St., Burlington, Vt. 05401 (802) 862-6458

SPORTS

Cats topple Knights in Mauro's last game

by Drew Hoffner

To say that it was an appropriate end to an inappropriate season would be redundant, but the University of Vermont's 84-70 trouncing of SMC was but a fitting end to a disappointing season.

"The game was typical of our whole up and down season, mostly down, and when things are going that badly, it's hard not to look forward to the end," commented player Derrick Halacki.

Photo by Rob Swanson

Ted Mauro goes up for one of his final shots at the basket as a St. Michael's player. He is completely surrounded by UVM players.

The height difference, in favor of Vermont, was evident from the very beginning, as Vermont's 6-8 senior Kevin Kelly drew first blood with a follow-up on a missed shot.

SMC battled the Catamounts throughout the first half and enjoyed a 14-11 lead on a Ted Mauro basket with 9:35 showing on the clock. But this was to be the last success savored by the Knights as Vermont's Mike Kern, Mark Sobolewski and Kevin Kelly reeled off 22 points in the last eight minutes to enter the locker room at halftime with a 35-25 lead.

UVM opened and predominantly stayed with an aggressive two-three zone that denied SMC's Mauro the ball and forced the Michaelmen into nine first half turnovers.

UVM coach Peter Salzberg said, "We were determined to deny all passing lanes to Mauro and by doing so shut down SMC's offense." They did so successfully as Mauro was limited to only two first-half shots.

The beginning of the second half saw St. Michael's much more aggressive offensively as the team pulled to within four (47-43) on a Mauro basket with 13 seconds remaining on the clock.

But, adhering to their original game plan which was to get the ball inside to Kelly, Kern and Sabolewski, Vermont more than counter-balanced SMC's offensive surge led by Mauro's 13 points.

The rest of the half, SMC was to be plagued by poor guard execution, 69 percent shooting by UVM and a tremendous rebounding disadvantage.

"We tried to force too much and also their tenacious defense forced us into some plays we didn't want to make," said sophomore guard Dave Cappola.

Highlighting the day's activities was Vermont's Tom Perrin, a junior guard who scored 19 points and forced SMC to expand its zone outside and leave the inside open for Kern, Kelly and Sobolewski.

"What was most frustrating about the whole game was the fact that we worked so hard offensively while they (Vermont) came down and could rely on their height difference to get quick, easy baskets," commented Derrick Halacki.

Basketball, hockey intramurals lively

In A-division basketball last week, Omega won by forfeit against Zappa Phi; GE barely squeaked by AD 49-50, high scorer was AD's McGee with 24 points.

Zeta defeated FBN 58-46, Zeta's Drew Hoffner popped in 18 points for high scorer. Sigma won against Nu 72-61.

Theta lost to PSI, 57-43. Fitzpatrick of PSI was top shooter with 23.

Zeta won in overtime 62-55 against Swillers, top scorer was Zeta's Chris Greenwood with 23 points. Zappa-Phi forfeited to AD. Nu squeezed by FBN 52-50, high scorer being Nu's Steve Keogh with 14.

Theta forfeited to Omega. Nu defeated Swillers 58-42. Scott Trenti from Nu was top scorer with 16 points.

At the B-division courts, Bangers overpowered Zeta 44-29. Bean's Bombers trampled GEII 54-25, high scorer being Bean's Bombers' Brian McGlynn with a phenomenal 27 points.

AD lost a close contest against Somas 23-27. Soma's K. Sullivan tossed in 10 points for high scorer.

GE lost to AD 56-50. AD's John Moran was top shooter with 20 points. Bangers trampled GEII 63-20. Banger's Joe Dalimonte was top shooter with a fantastic 28 points!

In women's basketball, Mucchi won by forfeit against Omicron. Kappa beat Dalton (Bandits) 24-11. Kappa's Mary Davis scored 10 points.

In poly-hockey, Omega defeated Theta 8-4 and Nu forfeited to PSI. AD squeezed by Nu 5-4.

Lax team hires coach in hope of good season

by Tom Liptak

The St. Michael's College club lacrosse team, only five years old, is moving up in the world.

Through the efforts of several of its members, the team has acquired the services of a coach this year.

Ivan Drechsler, 26, a well-known player in area summer lacrosse leagues, has taken charge of the laxmen and already the effects of his coaching are showing through.

The two student organizers of the team, Dave Donald and Tim Healy, veterans from last year's squad, both stressed the point that this year's practices, and the players in general, seem more organized.

Donald, the team's president and goalie, said, "Having a coach makes a definite difference. We lost a lot of experience due to the departure of last year's seniors and we really needed a coach to bring together the new talent that we have."

Healy echoed those statements, saying, "The new players can look to the coach for leadership and discipline. The discipline at practices so far this year is better than last year."

The schedule this year is probably the toughest faced by any sports team at St. Michael's. The team has already scheduled 12 games against the likes of the University of Massachusetts, University of Michigan and the Miami Lacrosse Club.

"We'll be playing mostly varsity teams this year," Donald said. "The UMass team is ranked number seven in the nation."

After an impressive seven and two record last year, the team has been ranked number two in the Northern Division of the New England Collegiate Club Lacrosse League, behind the University of Maine.

Once again this year, the team plans to go to Florida during the spring break.

"The trip gives us a jump on the season," Donald said. "It gives us a chance to get away from the snow and to play some good teams."

Because lacrosse is a club sport, the team must finance the trip on its own.

The team is sponsoring a raffle with six prizes, the first being an A.K.C. registered husky puppy, donated by John Trotier. The tickets are 25 cents each or a book of five for $1. The drawing is scheduled for March 17 at 6 p.m.

BEER WINE
The Only
BEVERAGE WAREHOUSE
is in
WINOOSKI
SODA KEGS
Where You Save By The Case

Friday, March 17th
Celebrate St. Patrick
Get Into The
Irish Spirit.
Come One and All

Schedule:
4:00 — Mass in honor of St. Patrick
7:00 — Coffee house in Downstairs Alliot
8:30 to 1:00 — An Irish Ceile — in dining hall
Bagpipes
Irish Music: Sing-along.
Community Entertainment.
Traditional Refreshments

Donation — Only $1